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SUBJ: SPASO HOUSE WALK-IN: ADDITIONAL AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION

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1. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF SHOWED US A TELEGRAM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED FROM CANBERRA CONCERNING RELATIVE WHOM KOPYTOV, SPASO HOUSE WALK-IN, CLAIMED TO HAVE HAD LIVING IN AUSTRALIA. TELEGRAM SAYS THAT NEW SOUTH WALES SPECIAL BRANCH AND PASSPORT OFFICES UNABLE TO TURN UP ANYONE WHOSE NAME AND BIOGRAPHY REMOTELY RESEMBLE THOSE GIVEN BY KOPYTOV. AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THE CASE CLOSED.

2. EMBOFF ADDED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN TOURIST REPORTEDLY NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE USSR BECAUSE OF A VISA PROBLEM (PARA 3 REFTEL) HAD NEVER BEEN FOUND EITHER, BUT ALL THE AUSTRALIANS CONCERNED FEEL THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME SORT OF MIXUP OVER REPORT ITSELF. AS FAR AS AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE KNOWS, THERE IS CURRENTLY NO AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN OR RESIDENT ALIEN NOW IN THE USSR WHOSE STATUS IS AT ALL IN DOUBT. MATLOCK

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